

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 9/19/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5, 19, 21, 23-27 and 31-35.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

Applicant's Amendment filed Sept. 19, 2006 has been received and entered. Claim 30 is cancelled and claims 32-35 are newly added per the Amendment filed. Therefore, claims 1-5, 19, 21, 23-27 and 31-35 are now pending in the current application.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The title of the application has been amended as follows: System and method for shielding a display by utilizing slide rotatable display shield and adjustable auxiliary shade screen.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-5, 19, 21, 23-27 and 31-35 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claim 1: None of the prior arts either alone or in combination fairly teach or suggest that the shield unit may be selectively oriented in at least a first position covering the display, a second position shading the display from incident light, and a third position retracted

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behind the display, wherein when in the first position the display shield is oriented in front of the display enclosure in a position that is substantially adjacent to and substantially parallel to a first surface of the display enclosure, wherein the display resides such that the shield unit covers an exposed area of the display.

Therefore, claim 1 is deemed non-obvious and inventive over the prior arts, thus is allowed.

As to claims 2-5, 19, 21 and 23: Since claims 2-5, 19, 21 and 23 depend either directly or indirectly on the allowed claim 1, therefore are also allowed.

Regarding claim 24 (Amended): None of the prior arts either alone or in combination fairly teach or suggest that the device further comprising of an auxiliary shade screen coupled to the shield and made adjustable by an adjustable coupler. Therefore, claim 24 is deemed non-obvious and inventive over the prior arts, thus is allowable.

As to claims 25-27 and 31: Since claims 25-27 and 31 depend either directly or indirectly on the allowed claim 24, therefore are also allowed.

Regarding claim 32 (New): None of the prior arts either alone or in combination fairly teach or suggest an image capturing device comprising of the shielding device limitations as set forth in claim 32, therefore, claim 35 is deemed non-obvious and inventive over the prior arts, thus is allowable.

As to claims 33-35 (New): Since claims 33-35 depend either directly or indirectly on the allowed claim 32, therefore are also allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

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fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to W. Patty Chen whose telephone number is (571)272-8444. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-5:00 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David C. Nelms can be reached on (571)272-1787. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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